THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—About 79 acres.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—What is the present rate of assessment?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—It works out at about Rs. 3 per acre.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—How are the Government justified in enhancing the rate to Rs. 6 after the restoration.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Because the Government have got to invest more than Rs. 2,000 over and above the raiyats' contribution and the prevailing rate in the locality is about Rs. 6 per acre.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—With reference to answer (*g*), why was no endorsement given to the villagers even though they have been petitioning the Government since 1915?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Notice.

MR. V. V. IYER.—Supposing the raiyats agree to bear the entire cost of restoration, will the existing rate of assessment be retained?

DEWAN.—The entire question will be re-examined in the light of the discussions.

Experimental Measure of conducting Amarai Sales by the Forest Department.

MR. R. DASAPPA (Devanhalli Taluk).—

Q.—7. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) What is the average *amarai* income realised by the Forest Department for two years after the power of conducting *amarai* sales throughout the State was transferred to the Forest Department?

(*b*) What is the average income for two years which was being realised by the Revenue Department prior to the transfer to the Forest Department of the power of conducting the *amarai* sales?

(*c*) Have any purchasers of the right of collecting *amarai* produce, sold only talukwar by the Forest Department, complained to Government that they have suffered loss and that relief may be given to them?

(*d*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state who they are?

(*e*) When the item was being sold villagewar by the Revenue Department during the *Jamabandi*, did any of the purchasers complain that they had suffered loss and did they ask for relief?

(*f*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state who they are?

(*g*) Whether the transfer of the power of conducting *amarai* sales from the Revenue to the Forest Department has resulted in gain or loss to Government?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—7. (*a*) The power of conducting the *amarai* sales was not transferred to the Forest Department. Government in their Order No. G. 5199-210—Ft. 452-26-11, dated 21st October 1929, directed that the minor forest produce and *amarai* be sold together under the authority of the Forest Department as a tentative measure in one *maidan* and one *malnad* district for two years. As this did not work well in the Bangalore District, the old system has been revived there. In the Kadur District, however, this scheme has been continued till the end of June 1936 as an experimenta measure.

(*b*) to (*g*) In view of the answer to Question No. (*a*) *supra*, these questions do not arise.

MR. R. DASAPPA.—With reference to the reply of the Government that the experimental measure did not succeed in the Bangalore District and therefore the old system has been revived, are the Government aware that the Forest Department is still in charge of the situation and that the Chief Conservator has notified the auction sales?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—No, the Government are not aware of it.

MR. R. DASAPPA.—Is it not a fact that on the 27th September last the Chief Conservator sent intimation to all the concerned villages that sales were going to be held?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—Government are not aware of it.

MR. R. DASAPPA.—Will the Government be pleased to notify in the Gazette that the old system of the Revenue Department conducting the auction sales has been revived, in view of the fact that the *Jamabandi* time is fast approaching?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—Yes.

MR. R. DASAPPA.—If it is a fact that orders for revival of the old system have already been issued, how is it that the Forest Department is notifying sales by its own officers?

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—Government will make needful enquiries.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—Are the Government aware that even in the case of a well-conducted sale, the auction is not confirmed because, subsequently, a higher offer is made by some other party? Hereafter at least will instructions be issued to officers not to disturb the result of sales in view of subsequent offers?

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—The existing rules clearly lay down the powers of particular officers with regard to confirmation or cancellation of sales. Neither the Government nor the Department is bound to accept the highest bids in all cases.

Facilities for Marketing Agricultural Products.

MESSRS. W. H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Bangalore City Municipality) and M. A. GOPALASWAMI IYENGAR (Special Interests).—

Q.—8. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The facilities provided by Government for the marketing of agricultural products of the State?

(*b*) The number of co-operative societies that undertake the marketing of the agricultural products of their members and non-members?

(*c*) The total quantity of the agricultural products marketed through the agency of co-operative societies and the proportion it bears to the total marketable quantity of the agricultural products in the State?

(*d*) Whether they have perused the Government of India Resolution, dated Simla, 4th May 1934, on the Provincial Economic Conference held in New Delhi in the first week of April 1934?

(*e*) Whether they have proposed to adopt an intensive programme for the development of marketing facilities for the agricultural products on the lines suggested in the Government of India Resolution?

(*f*) The steps that they have taken or propose to take in this connection?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—8. (*a*) Facilities for transport by roads and railway; provision of markets and *santhes*; formation of co-operative sales societies; introduction of special Regulations like the Weights and Measures Regulation; and the appointment of a Trade Commissioner in London.

(*b*) Five societies.

(*c*) Cotton ... 12,833 maunds.
Cardamom ... 859 do
Areca ... 194 do

The proportion that these quantities bear to the total marketable quantity of agricultural products in the State is negligible.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) and (*f*) The question for the development of marketing facilities for agricultural products is under the active consideration of Government.

MR. W. H. HANUMANTHAPPA.—With reference to answer (*f*), in what directions are the Government contemplating facilities?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—The question is under the active consideration of Government and orders will be issued presently.

MR. W. H. HANUMANTHAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the raiyats are subjected to several hardships for want of facilities for marketing their agricultural commodities?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—Yes, please see answers to (*e*) and (*f*).